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Other name, given to daughters, was the Biblical one of Isabel, a survival, perhaps, of some family Puritanism

Commonwealth days. But if there were a Puritan,

there was certainly no Jewish strain in the family, the wife of which in the eighteenth century married girls with Old English names, some of them London born and sisters coming from counties as far away as Cheshire,

is, although the Vizetellys seem to have never forgotten their origin and to have cultivated friendship with sundry respectable Italians who settled in England, it is certain that, generation followed generation, English blood predominated in their veins.

The status of the eighteenth-century Vizetellys as printers is difficult to determine. They were apparently in fair circumstances, but the writer knows of no eighteenth-century book bearing their imprint. He believes they were associated in business with others whose names alone appeared. The first found actually trading in his own

name was James Henry Vizetelly,¹ born in 1790, and son James Vizetelly, "printer, of St. Bride's parish and of

Even his business, that of Vizetelly, Branston & Co., printers and publishers, was at one time known merely by the name of the "Co.," that Whifchead's, though J. H. Vizetelly was managing partner. He had his apprenticeship with the Coxes, and did not take up freedom

father and grandfather had been freemen of the city before him) till smber, 1827. fie was a man of considerable gifts ; ho wrote for several dicals, produced a variety of verse (privately printed by himself) initiated amous "Boy's Own Book," as well as "Oruikshank's Comic Almanack"

:iich he became the "Bigdum Funnidos," and was one of the best am- actora of his time. He was very intimate with Edmund Kean, whom reatly resembled in appearance, and it is said that more than once when i was hopelessly drunk he took his place on the boards. Such at least the atory often told to the writer by his grandmother (Jamea Henry's iw) and expressly confirmed to him by an old family friend, Mr. Lern- •e, son of the Lempriere of the " Classical Dictionary."